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| For: METHOD FOR THE |) | |
| PREPARATION OF VIRAL |) | |
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| HOMOLOGOUS RECOMBINATION |) | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph after the title of the invention on page 1 of the specification:

--This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/467,952, filed on December 21, 1999, which in turn is a divisional of Application Serial No. 08/682,794, filed on August 1, 1996, which is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/FR95/01590, filed on December 1, 1995, which International Application was not published by the International Bureau in English on June

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